



International Conference on the Status and Future of the World's Large Rivers

August 3-6, 2021
Moscow, Russia



Congo



Yangtze



Mississippi



Danube



Murray



Amazon



World's Large Rivers Initiative

WLRI Meeting – AGENDA

4th of August 2021

Dear participant of the World's Large Rivers Conference!

We cordially invite you to take part in the World's Large Rivers Initiative Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, 4th of August 2021 at 18:00 Moscow Time (15:00 UTC) as an online event in the framework of the World's Large Rivers Conference.

The **World's Large Rivers Initiative (WLRI)** was approved by the Intergovernmental Council of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) of UNESCO in 2014 and has been prolonged in 2018.

This Initiative fosters the linkage between research at and management of large river basins by bringing together scientists and practitioners from all fields of river related research. Beside organising the World's Large Rivers Conferences, a main activity is the organization of a joint international project at large rivers. This core project is an integrated assessment of the status and future of the World's Large Rivers. The kick-off project for this started with the assessment of three large rivers – Danube, Mekong and Niger – of which first results will be presented during this meeting.

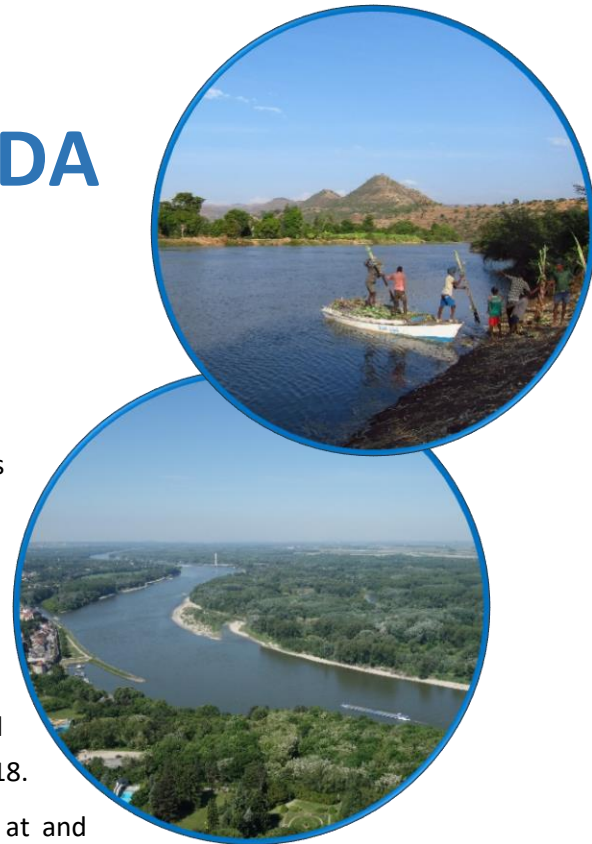
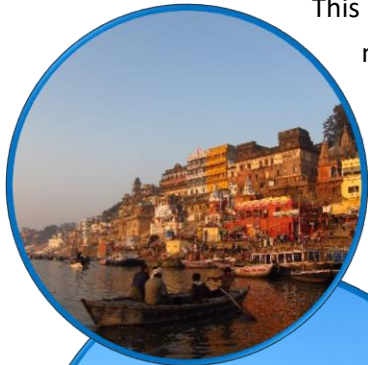
Now, the objective is to extend this assessment to a larger number of rivers. Hence, this meeting will discuss the next steps of the future implementation of this global assessment and is looking for researchers who are interested to be part of a network by representing their river / country. The network will consist of scientists and researchers coming from different river basins and fields of research.

Take the chance and become part of this Initiative!

I am looking very much forward to welcoming you at this meeting,

Helmut Habersack

Chair of International Scientific Committee (ISC)



WLRI Meeting – PROGRAMME

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18:00 **Welcome** by our host **Michael Tritthart** (BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria)

18:05 **Introductory presentation** about the World's Large Rivers Initiative by

Helmut Habersack (BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria)

- UNESCO & the World's Large Rivers Initiative
- Intergovernmental Council of UNESCO and the
- The ninth phase of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme 2022-2029
- Project "RiBaM" – Test assessment on three rivers (Danube, Niger, Mekong)

18:15 **Panel discussion** with highly ranked scientists:

Anil Mishra (Chief of Hydrological System and Water Scarcity Section, UNESCO)

Expert on UNESCO water initiatives and international cooperation



Sergey Chalov (Faculty of Geography, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia)

Expert on Arctic / Siberian rivers and geomorphology



Gil Mahé (Institute of Research for Development IRD, France / Tunisia)

Expert on African rivers under changing climatic conditions



Francis Chiew (CSIRO Land and Water, Canberra, Australia)

Expert on hydroclimate, modelling and integrated water resources management



Luna Bharati (IWMI, Nepal / Germany)

Expert on water resources management and policy engagement



Helmut Habersack (BOKU University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria)

Expert on hydrology, sediment research and integrated river management



18:45 **Live questions** from the audience will be discussed among the panelists

19:10 **Summary** by our host **Michael Tritthart**

19:15 End of the WLRI meeting